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SUBJ: PERES ON SYRIA (BAD) AND EGYPT (IMPROVING)

- 1. IN FIRST HIGH-LEVEL ISRAELI STATEMENT CONCERNING SYRIA SINCE END OF ASAD VISIT TO JORDAN, DEFMIN PERES JUNE 13 DREW DISTINCTION BETWEEN

 "ATTEMPTS AT DIALOGUE" BEING MADE BY EGYPT AND THE
 "AGRESSIVE ALIGNMENT" THAT SYRIA IS TRYING TO
 CREATE IN NORTHEAST. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM
 GOI PRESS OFFICE TRANSLATION.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT: ISRAEL CANNOT IGNORE THE AGGRESSIVE ALIGNMENT WHICH SYRIA IS ENDEAVORING TO CREATE ON HER NORTH-EASTERN BORDER, AT A TIME WHEN EGYPT IS MAKING ATTEMPTS AT DIALOGUE WITH ISRAEL, DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES STATED TODAY (JUNE 13).
- 3. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE POINTED OUT THAT THE FRONT ASSAD IS ATTEMPTING TO CREATE AGAINST ISRAEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEGINS AT TYRE AND ENDS AT EILAT, AND INEVITABLY

ENCOMPASSES SYRIA, JORDAN, THE PLO AND, IF POSSIBLE, LEBANON AS WELL.

- 4. FACING THIS RENEWED MILITARY DEPLOYMENT-MR. PERES NOTED--ARE THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES AND
 THE SETTLEMENTS. IF ISRAEL ENJOYS AN ADVANTAGE
 IN THE NORTH, HE STRESSED, IT CAN BE CREDITED TO
 BRINGING TOGETHER ONCE MORE AN ORGANIZED IDF
 AND THE SETTLERS. IN THIS MEETING, IN THIS SHARING
 BY THE IDF AND SETTLERS, MOVING HAND AND HAND,
 AS IT WERE,-- IN THESE LIES THE GUARANTEE OF THE
 STRENGTH AND SECURITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.
- 5. MR. PERES POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT TRUE TO CLAIM THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE PEACE WITH ISRAEL BECAUSE SHE OBJECTS TO THIS OR THAT SETTLE-MENT--BUT ISRAEL IS FACING A DIVIDED ARAB WORLD, WHERE EGYPT STRIVES FOR DIALOGUE WHILE SYRIA DESIRES TO EXERT MILITARY PRESSURE ON ISRAEL...END TEXT.
- 6. COMMENT: PICTURE PAINTED BY PERES OF ASSAD AS "BAD GUY" AND SADAT AS "GOOD GUY IN-THE-MAKING" IS ACCURATE REFLECTION OF CURRENT POPULAR IMAGES OF THE TWO.
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